Bristol, October 17–1846.

My dear Mrs Chapman,

Our Annual collection of contributions for the Boston Bazaar has been sent to Liverpool & will I hope be forwarded to you by the Steamer in which Mr Garrison is to sail. You will find it a much more numerous one than those of preceding years & at the same time a more heterogeneous assemblage. Some of the things we were quite ashamed to send & kept them back to the last in hopes of not having room for them, but as they were the offerings of others sent in token of their good wishes, we did not feel justified in excluding them, but hope you will not find much trouble in selecting & setting aside whatever is not worthy a place in your Fair. You shall make a point in future of keeping a rubbish box & putting in all that comes under that head till

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mixing them with the general mass.
I hope you will find the Stationery
we have purchased with money
placed at our disposal attractive
& saleable. We learnt incidentally
that Tunbridge ware sold for a
high price in America which in-
duced us to lay out £40.0.0 in that
way. We shall be glad to hear whether
it brings you in much profit. The
seller of it, Miss Sharpe, took £8.
part of the price. I saw the packing
case for the sake of the object of the
purchase, & you will I know be
gratified to see on the labels of the
articles similar proofs of interest in many
various quarters & circles. The
labelling is much less perfect than
heretofore, for things came in too
promiscuously & unable us to affix
the donors names with accuracy
in some cases, & to ascertain them
in others. Many of the unmarked
things were from the Isle of Wight,

others were collected by the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Committee, & a great many small ones came in the box which had "freedom" "peace" upon it, from the Gurney family. By a later steamer you shall have a full list of names of donors, & with it a summary of the numbers in each place of which made us the medium of transmission to you, & any further notices which may be of interest to you & be suited for making public. This abstract will doubtless be quite enough for our share of acknowledgement from you; we are delighted to learn in how many fresh places in England where a year ago nothing was known respecting the Abolition Movement (& where we had to enlighten the friends for whose names we applied that they might be inserted in the list of receivers at the end of the "Brief

Notice", & who stipulated that it should entail no trouble upon them,) zeal has been awakened sufficient to lead them to send you direct the fruits of their own industry. The list of articles which accompanies this note & of which there is a rough copy at the top of the box, is also, I regret to say very imperfect, owing to the haste with which it was drawn up & the necessity for having more than two pair of hands employed about it. The number of drawings & engravings too can only guess, for Miss R. Lapsley who undertook to make it out at the same time as she packed them forgot that part of her engagement. I hope our calculation is not very incorrect. If it will not give you too much trouble we should be obliged by your telling us the number when you write as we keep a list for the sake of contrasting the amount of one year's contributions with another. But if it is inconvenient to you to make

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them may do not attempt it. Some parties have affixed prices to the articles they sent, but we have discouraged that practice considering you the only judges of their value in your country. We will make out a list of the donations we have received in money & the way in which it has been laid out, as the sum spent in stationery, & other articles may be a guide to you in fixing prices to them. The blind people have we think been too humble in their estimate, but the marks show what the baskets will go for, & we leave them for you to see, & to alter as you please. The pieces of work sent by Mrs Ames are the newest style from Paris which makes them expensive. The prices on them are what she paid for them. The box of confectionary is worth 30/

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I hope the list is inside it.
During the 4 days that our collection
was exhibited it was visited
by 535 people exclusive of four
schools; but the visitors were
chiefly contributors & their friends
& the weather was so bad that
we were disappointed of having
it inspected by many wealthy
persons whom we had hoped
to interest & who would have
increased the profits of our col-
lection box. Still the interest
in the object is spreading & fresh
attention is being directed to it,
& we will do our best to keep it
alive when the effusion of zeal caused
by the lectures we have heard so
recently from Mr Garrison, Thompson
& Douglas has subsided. We shall
probably have a few additional
contributions which if numerous
enough shall be forwarded by the

middle of November steamer.
We put the name of Miss Blake
of Taunton to the Sunbridge
Wan articles as she sent a
donation of £5. 0. 0; but finding
it impossible to apportion the
different things we purchased
to the separate donors of money
we have determined to write
you a list of them with the
sum each gave instead. I regret
that I have not time to make
it out to send with the box,
but in one respect it will be an
advantage as after paying its
freight we shall be better able
to balance our accounts. The
Garrison will show you the
copy of notices of our show in
the Bristol papers, & tell you
so many details of Anti Slavery
politics & other matters in this

country that you will not desire
any lengthened communication
from me at this time. It makes
us sad to feel that he is leaving
our shores, thus rendering our
chances of seeing him again so
very slight. Some of us long to
cross the water with him since
we cannot retain him here, but
having seen him once will draw
us more closely with him & his
fellow laborers in spirit & cause
us to trace his progress with yet
deeper interest. We have to fight
a great many battles for him we
those who knowing him only
thro' the published reports of his
speeches cannot realize the
gentle loving spirit which he
manifests on all occasions when
he is not engaged in a warfare
with sin, & who in a measure loses
sight of the good he does in regretting
that he does not do it their way & upon
some what is objectionable to most of

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his English audiences. But on that topic you have probably heard more than enough: if the course he has adopted does more good in America than any other we shall be less grieved at his having failed to enlist the sympathies of many in England who are not hostile to the cause, & who have been liberal contributors to the Baptist. We shall look out anxiously for tidings of his safe return to his native land, & he will carry with him the warm wishes & fervent prayers of those whom he has taught to love & admire him, for his continued health & happiness & success in this great work to which he has dedicated his life.

Believe me dear Mr Chapman

Ever most truly yours

Mary A. Estlin.

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You will see the result of the Work
I described to you when at the
Pupils of the Blind Asylum. They
made all the articles in their
hours allotted them for recreation
& no offerings will reach you
from more hearty donors.
Any notice you may take of the
will afford them much gratifi-
cation I know. You shall have
an account of their number &c. Spe-
cified in the list.

Thos. H. Gallaudet
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